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ELK POINT OILMEN'S ASSOCIATION'S 2019 OILMAN OF THE YEAR, Joe MacKinnon, was presented with the traditional gold oil derrick trophy by association president Calvin Fisher, left, and Murray Cochrane, who announced and introduced the winner, who is most often known in the community where he and his family have made their home since 1985 as "Big Joe."

Forts celebrate Peter Fidler's 250th birthday

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Four Hudson's Bay Co. flags fluttered in the breeze over a miniature Buckingham House centred with candles on Saturday afternoon as the Friends of Fort George and Buckingham House hosted a 250th Birthday celebration for mapmaker Peter Fidler, who helped to build Buckingham House and later served as its factor in the late 1790s.

Visitors enjoyed tours of the provincial historic site's multimedia inter-

pretive centre, ate saskatoon pie and ice cream, tried their hand at writing birthday greetings with a quill pen and sought out the answers to an indoor scavenger hunt among the displays in the interpretive centre, where quotes from Fidler's journals were posted on many of the displays, tracing his 1792-93 journey of exploration to southern Alberta as well as his time at Buckingham House.

Fidler became a familiar figure during the 1992 Bicentennial of the Forts when his statue was unveiled in Elk Point.

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'Big Joe' 2019 Oilman of the Year

Hill, Epp tournament champions

VICKI BROOKER

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Elk Point Oilmen's Association named Joe MacKinnon their 2019 Oilman of the Year on Friday night, as the association hosted the 36th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament.

"Let me start way back at the beginning," Murray Cochrane said in introducing the winner. Originally from southern Alberta, MacKinnon graduated from high school in Calgary in 1980 and studied power engineering at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), winning a national championship on SAIT's basketball team.

He started his oilfield career working with Amoco Canada in the Crossfield area as a roustabout, learning how to operate. In 1983 he met Susan, and in 1985, they were married, four months before Joe was transferred to Elk Point, where Amoco was about to commission the 14-28 cleaning plant. He worked there as an operator until Amoco was sold to Elan in 1995, with the MacKinnons adding two sons to their family during that time.

After the sale, Joe began to contract to Elan and Pan Canadian as a senior operator. In 1997, Elan was bought by Ranger Oil, his contract position changed back to an employee, still working at 14-28 plant. In 1999, Canadian Natural Resources purchased Ranger Oil, and Joe continued working at the plant for another 14 years, "so it's probably safe to assume Joe knew the plant," Cochrane said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PETER - Billie Milholland, designer of Elk Point's Peter Fidler statue, cut the birthday cake as the site program coordinator Suzanna Wagner, interpreters Wyatt Telford, Stacey Janzen and Christina Nawrot and Friends of the Forts Daphne Schnurer and Kevin Wirsta look on.

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Oilman

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In 1998, the MacKinnons purchased Green Acres Sod Farm, and soon found out growing grass was harder than it seemed, "an undertaking with early mornings, late evenings and many weekends; this carried on for six years and in 2004, I guess you could say they sold the farm," but continued to live there, passing the workload onto the new owner.

In 2014, Joe was transferred to the Lindbergh cleaning plant, where he worked until July of this year. The MacKinnons decided it was time to move back to his roots in Rolling Hills, near Brooks, where Joe was born. He recently accepted a job with the well servicing department of CNRL, and has now relocated



SHE'S THE BEST - Oilmen's Association president Calvin Fisher and Ryan Hahn thank Debbie Hahn for all her help with the tournament.

there, with Susan remaining in Elk Point until she retires in the near future and heads south to join him.

"It wasn't always all work and no play," Cochrane said, Joe playing on the Elk Point Pacers basketball team for five years and coaching high school basketball and minor hockey. He and Susan played slow pitch and golf, with Joe on the board of the Elk Point Golf and Country Club and the Elks Hockey team. He also is an avid hunter with many trophies proudly displayed.

"The MacKinnons have made many friends and memories in the community and will be dearly missed," Cochrane concluded.

"This was a total shock," MacKinnon said after accepting his gold oil derrick from Oilmen's Association president Calvin Fisher. "There are many great oilmen who haven't been named Oilman of the Year yet. I've never taken an office in the EPOA, I just helped where I was needed."

MacKinnon credited wife Susan and sons Zach and Adrian with being the firm foundation of his life, and noted that Zach is now working for Tervita and Adrian is a dispatcher in Calgary, while "Susan has more common sense than anyone I know."

He paid tribute to former fellow workers and mentors Terry Hancock, Greg Alexander, Bill Jennissen, Doug Callbeck and Bernie Parenteau, and laughed that he also won't forget a prank by Willie Lesyk.

Hill, Epp named 2019 champions

"We're doing things a little different this year," MC Ryan Hahn told the audience at the tournament banquet, which for the first time was held on Friday night rather than the usual Saturday. He thanked the tournament's organizing committee, and acknowledged that "the biggest help is my mother," calling Debbie Hahn

up to receive a gift presented by the EPOA president, who also took that time to thank all the participants and donors for making the event a success. Thanks also went to the Empress for preparing the banquet and the Arena Operating Committee for running the bar.

Fundraising draw prizes and a series of hole prizes were handed out that evening as well, with Shawn Pavoll, Brett Meger and Wanda Cochrane taking home the draw prizes. Hole prize winners were Jon Schmitt for Hole 1, Dennis St. Arnault for Hole 2, John Regnier for Hole 3, Cam Peifer, Hole 4, Doug Bassett, Hole 5, Scott Bannister, Hole 6, Ryan Mudryk, Hole 7, Kendall Zarowny, Hole 8 and George Hahn, Hole 9. Regnier also won \$897 in a fundraiser sponsored by Elk Point Minor Ball, with that group receiving an equal amount.

Tournament winners had a second, much drier and somewhat warmer day of golfing to go before they claimed their prizes Saturday evening, with Sean Hill and Jaylen Epp named the winners of the Championship flight sponsored by Weatherford, with Murray Cochrane and Jim Henderson coming in second.

Winners and runners-up of the remaining flights, with sponsors in brackets, were:

Flight 1 (Nalco Champion) - 1. Curtis Porcina and Robyn Moroziuk; 2. Nick Anderson and Kaiden Evans-Anderson

Flight 2 (Classic Oilfield Services) - 1. Craig Stepaniuk and Marty Volcan; 2. Nolan Volcan and Kevin Bodonao.

Flight 3 (Tervita) - 1. Hunter Lorensen and Carter Hart; 2. John Regnier and Trevor Boisvert.

Flight 4 (PCM) - 1. Jeff Howse and Jon Schmitt; 2. Tyler Warawa and Duncan Gabert.

Flight 5 (Xtreme Oilfield Technology) - 1. George Hahn and Shawn Hughes; 2. Stephan Bannister and Jesse Charchun.

Flight 6 (Oil Lift and Prorod) - 1. Brent Becker and Paul Becker; 2. Logan Becker and Derek Severin.

A total of 54 teams took part in the tournament.



2019 OILMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONS
Sean Hill and Jaylen Epp are congratulated on their win by Elk Point Oilmen's Association past president Ryan Hahn.

Kidz Klub having eventful, fun-filled summer

MELANIE POULIN
Play2Learn Daycare

It was a fun week learning the skill of planning and executing an event... a lemonade stand! The kids took in their bottles for seed money, shopped, baked, created posters, wrote a letter to Chris Letawski asking to borrow the stand he built and donated, served, counted, thanked customers and cleaned up!

We've been having a great summer program this year and CNRL donated \$300 to the program this year which helped us get going! We've been able to go rock climbing in Bonnyville and to the lake twice already! We are learning gratitude and mindfulness and made

"mind" medicine bags.

We did a walking field trip all the way to the golf course and made a shelter in the ravine as part of our survival week!

Next week we are partnering with the pickleball club and trying to learn that new sport!

I think this Kidz Klub is having an eventful fun

filled summer! Of course we are using our amazing parks daily and hope we can get to the lake one more time this year before school starts.



PLAY2LEARN KIDS KLUB ignored Friday's rain and served lemonade and cupcakes at their lemonade stand.



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IDP passed with no outstanding concerns

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council's public hearing for the Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) took a mere seven minutes, with the only feedback received being a letter to the County of St. Paul from Alberta Health Services regarding setback distances from an inactive landfill near the IDP area boundary, which had already been addressed in the document's policies.

Bylaw 819/19, approving the IDP, had been given first reading on July 8, with the passage of the remaining two readings the first order of business at council's Aug. 12 regular meeting, with the county to be notified accordingly.

The IDP defines and outlines a 50-year development strategy for the land immediately surrounding the town's perimeters, providing policies for both councils to use in making decisions on land use, transportation and servicing within that area. It will also be part of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework for the two municipalities.

Cemetery road

The road to Elk Point's East Cemetery is in need of repair, and the town had approached the County with a request to repair the 500-foot stretch at no cost. County council denied that request, but offered to do the work in conjunction with the adjoining township road at an estimated cost of \$30,000, to be invoiced \$15,000 in each of 2020 and 2021, with town council agreeing to the offer.

Community Peace Officer

Council received an overview of the step-by-step process of employing a peace officer in the town of Elk Point, along with the budget implications, which could run from a minimum of \$45,000 to as much as \$100,000. A motion to table the decision on whether to move forward with the process to the Oct. 30 budget meeting passed by a 3-2 margin.

Coun. Terri Hampson has been running an online poll on her Facebook council page and said that to date, 42 respondents answered yes and 17 no to her question if the town should pursue the matter, with nine days to go on the poll. A wide range of comments also

showed both viewpoints. She noted that pursuing the process would show the town's support to RCMP Sgt Dave Henry, who had suggested the town consider such a move.

Deputy Mayor Debra McQuinn suggested further discussion of the matter in September to keep the public aware of the variables, including budget concerns, so they could make an informed decision.

"It all goes back to the dollar issue," Coun. Tim Smereka noted.

Mayor Lorne Young said he was "hesitant. I'm not sure a town this size needs that level of enforcement."

The Deputy Mayor, however, feels there is "a big group that is tired of people not complying with the bylaws, and we need to change with the times."

Budget meeting dates set

Council has set Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 as the dates for discussion of the 2020 operating budget, with the public and press welcome to attend those meetings.

Tree planting

Council agreed with a request from Violet Gillard, who wishes to plant an Ohio Buckeye tree near the Peter Fidler statue.

FASD Awareness

Council agreed to proclaim Sept. 9 as International FASD Awareness Day in Elk Point, in response to a request from the Lakeland Centre for FASD.

Friends of the Forts

Mayor and council received an invitation to Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site to mark the 250th birthday of mapmaker and fort builder Peter Fidler, and agreed to donate \$100 toward the lunch being provided by the Friends of the Forts.

Recreation energy conservation

An application for funding of a scoping audit under the Recreation Energy Conservation Program is being submitted to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre for the Elk Point Curling Club, with input provided by Curtis Porcina. The audit is estimated to cost \$9,702.

Ministerial invitations

An invitation has been received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs, with another expected from the Minister of Infrastructure for meetings during the AUMA Conference, with council agreeing to meet with both to discuss items of

importance ranging from library funding to MSI funding.

Capital Budget

The proposed 2020 capital budget, five-year capital plan and 20-year equipment replacement plan were brought to council for their information and were deferred to the upcoming budget meetings.

Investment policy

Town administration has negotiated an investment interest rate with Servus Credit Union enabling them to earn interest on incoming tax money for the periods those funds are not required for current expenses. Administration has been requested to prepare an investment policy for council's approval.

GST concerns

The town received a letter from the Town of Peace River, which was advised by Canada Revenue Agency that their intermunicipal cost sharing agreements were subject to GST, ruling that the agreements are taxable and demanding over \$600,000 in GST. The Town of Peace River is extremely concerned that the ruling will affect all Alberta municipalities, particularly on Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks. The Town of Peace River CAO indicated that Municipal Affairs shares their concerns, and asked that other municipalities in Alberta join their advocacy effort by contacting the AUMA, FCM, MLAs and MPs for help in this matter.

Elk Point council agreed to send a letter of support, with copies to be sent to MLA David Hanson and MP Shannon Stubbs.

Golf course

Elk Point Golf and Country Club is currently applying for a provincial grant to establish a water hazard, which would also serve as a reservoir, on their land in 2020. The club feels the project would

lessen the club's dependence on the town's former reservoir and make the course more self-sufficient.

Council agreed to send a letter of support for the project.

Registries

Council received an email from MLA Hanson inviting the mayor, council and CAO to attend meetings with the Service Alberta minister regarding registries and the wait lists for driving examinations. Mayor Young and councillors will attend the meeting scheduled for Aug. 31 in St. Paul.

Tax auction

In his CAO Report, Gwozdz said that two years of the taxes owing on one of the properties that had been up for tax auction have been paid and there are now three properties which will go up for auction on Sept. 18, unless the tax arrears are paid by that time.

As of July 31, the town has received 23.69 per cent of the \$2.4 million taxes levied for this year. Thirty-eight per cent of the taxes and utilities collected were received at the town office, four per cent of those by debit machine, while 62 per cent were paid online.

The deadline for payment of this year's taxes without penalty is Aug. 30.

Council concerns

A suggestion that the berm between Highway 41 and the new portion of the industrial park would be a good location for memorial trees will be taken to the Public Works meeting.

Coun. Hampson attended the Glendon parade last weekend and noted that other communities had their floats in the line-up. She suggested that the town and chamber could form a partnership to take the Elk Point float in area parades. The suggestion will be taken to Public Works.

An application has been made for a second backyard chicken flock.

Town to welcome Dr. Ashaolu

The family of Elk Point's new physician, Dr. Adenike Ashaolu, arrived late in the evening of July 1 and town council is very pleased to have them in our community. A barbecue to welcome the family to the community is planned for Saturday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. at the EcoCentre, with council manning the barbecue and everyone welcome.

Golden Loaf leading Alberta

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point and area voters are definitely showing Alberta who's who in the Sweetest Bakery in Canada contest, moving Golden Loaf up to first place in Alberta's Full Line Bakeries category, ahead of Smoky Lake's Old Fashioned Bread Bakery.

Golden Loaf is also sitting 10th for the National Grand Prize rankings, which include all three categories, full line, doughnut shop and cake and cupcake shop. Another popular spot for baked goods delights in our area, Jennie's Diner and Bakery in Bonnyville, is currently sitting second in Alberta rankings for cake and cupcake shops, right behind a shop in Calgary.

Voting goes until 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30, so there's still time to move our local favourites up in the national rankings by voting daily

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EDITORIAL

How is that a fair wage?

Looking back at the Aug. 19, 2014 issue of the Elk Point Review, we see that the discussion over minimum wage differences for liquor servers is nothing new.

As of Sept. 1 that year, the Alberta general minimum wage increased from \$9.95 per hour to \$10.20 per hour and the liquor servers' wage from \$9.05 per hour to \$9.20 per hour. That's a 25-cent increase for the general public and a 15-cent increase for the servers.

The general minimum wage went up to \$11.20 in 2015, \$12.20 in 2016 and \$13.60 in 2017 before topping out at \$15.00 last October. In 2015, liquor servers were paid a minimum of \$10.70, with that wage discrepancy eliminated on Oct. 1, 2016.

The theory was, prior to that date, that the liquor wait staff made up the difference in tips, and now, the theory is that the decrease in wages will allow the employer to give that worker more hours to collect those tips.

Being a waiter or waitress is not an easy job at any time, involving long hours on one's feet, dealing with difficult customers while keeping a smile on one's face and remaining polite and friendly at all times.

A smiling face and good, prompt service is what earns tips, but it's hard to keep that attitude intact when one's feet hurt at the end of a long shift, even if that server is only pouring coffee in a truck stop. Longer hours serving liquor, where customers aren't always in a good mood or on their best behaviour, probably don't seem like a bonus to most servers.

In many restaurants these days, the tip is added on to the bill. Is that also the case in bars and lounges? If not, there's no guarantee that any tip is forthcoming.

Work is work, whatever beverage is being poured, so why isn't it worth the same hourly wage?

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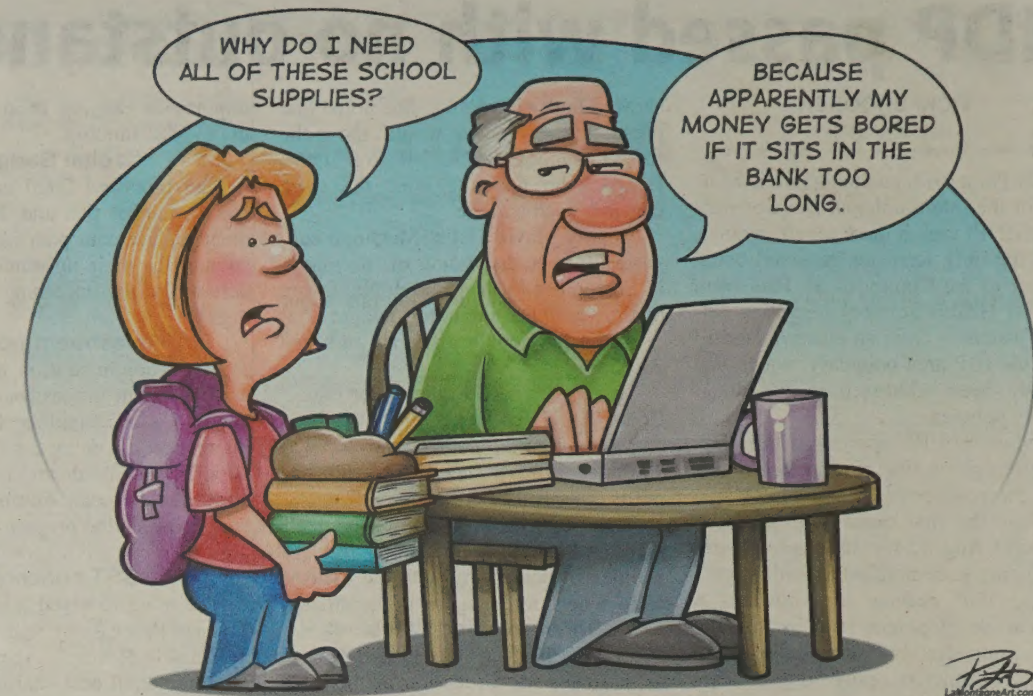
YOUR VIEWS



His best garden ever

Peter Andrishak doesn't let age keep him from tending his roses and other flowers, and says he feels his yard looks its best ever this year. Thanks, Pete, for keeping up the outstanding work and helping to make Elk Point look its best this summer.

Photo submitted



WAY BACK WHEN...

Aggregate wins, archaeological digs, sidewalk rehabilitation

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 19 IN...

1984

Pat Bekker repeated her Elk Point Fair Grand Aggregate win, totaling up section wins in arts and crafts, knitting and crochet and sewing to take the award at this year's fair. Phase 1 of the 35-suite apartment blocks at the north end of Elk Point was almost ready for occupation, with opening date set for Sept. 1.

1989

The archaeological dig by five members of the Archaeological Survey of Alberta and six local workers at the Fort George fur trade site was over for the summer, their finds ranging from charred beams and floorboards to 18,921 trade beads. Rose Doucet won the Grand Aggregate at Elk Point Fair, which featured fewer, but "superb in quality", exhibits than in 1988.

1994

Christina Brown edged out six-time winner Norma Berg to win the Elk Point Fair aggregate, winning the Knitting and Crochet, Seniors and Baking sections.

The Recreation Park gazebo got no respect, despite the 'Please Use Respect' sign, with vandals lighting a fire on its floor, and causing close to \$1,000 in damages.

1999

There was a brand new grand aggregate winner at Elk Point Fair, with Rose Kozicky also picking up the win in the House Plants section. The downtown sidewalk rehabilitation project was extended on 50 Street to 51 Ave. with the decorative brickwork to be added to the west side of 50 St. between 49 Ave and 50 Ave., council considering also replacing the sidewalk on the south side of 50 Ave from 511 St. to Highway 41.

2004

The number of quilts was up, but exhibits were down at the Elk Point Fair, where many-time winner Christina Brown collected her first Grand Aggregate title since 1998. A new animal control bylaw and a beefed-up curfew bylaw were approved as town council cracked down on roaming youngsters and pets.

2009

Tyson Stafford edged out 2003 champion Norm Quinney III to win the championship round at the 26th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament, with 13 flights enjoying the event despite poor cooperation from the weatherman. Town council agreed that sea can storage units could only be located on property zoned for industrial use, and to amend the land use bylaw with the addition of this clause.

2014



THE 31ST ELK POINT OILMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT winners were, left to right: 2014 champion Jarret Quinney, Billy Quinney, Brad Pelley, Brent Becker, Conrad Pierce, Jerry Kopeck, Gerry Croteau, and Brandon Condon. Not shown are Joel Miller and Ron Lehman.

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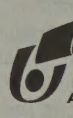
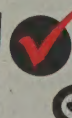
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Still no resolution for Heinsburg post office

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul is sending Canada Post a 30-day notice to come to the table and negotiate or remove the community mailboxes installed in Heinsburg at the beginning of June.

Council made the decision following a request from Langley Robitaille, who has been offered the position of postmaster if a suitable location can be found.

"I'm seeking funding to bring the building up to code, to have at least a bathroom and running water and heat. And so I'm asking St. Paul to put some funds in to renovating that building to bring it up to that standard to use it as a post office and also as a commercial building," said Robitaille at the meeting.

In a letter supplied to council regarding the available spaces in Heinsburg, Robitaille detailed the renovations either space – the Heinsburg Community Hall or the historic train station, would need in order to be used as a post office.

The Heinsburg Community Hall would need a door and a wall for mail security as well as a wheelchair ramp for accessibility. The train station requires heat, sewer, and water and is Robitaille's preferred location.

Canada Post does not provide any funding for renovations or updates to a building. Should the county choose to not support the installation of a post office space, Heinsburg residents will have to drive to Frog Lake to receive their mail or they will have to pay a yearly fee of \$150 to have a post office box in Elk Point," reads Robitaille's letter.

The letter also states that the current monoboxes installed outside of the community hall are for receiving mail only, meaning residents cannot use them to send letters or to receive oversize mail like parcels.

"Canada Post will supply me with \$2279 annually to rent a space, so I am willing to give that to the county as rent as long as the postal service continues to provide the funding," said Robitaille in the letter. Divided over the year, the rental allowance works out to just \$189 per month.

"I can't see as far as turning it in to a commercial building why the municipality would be interested in that," said Div. 1 Coun. Darrell Younghans about the train station. Younghans suggested deferring the funding request to strategic planning.

"It wouldn't be fair on Langley to say we'd defer to strategic planning when I don't think the hope is there. I think we need to sort out with Canada Post a location for the boxes and sort out if there's a way for Langley to use the space," said Reeve Steve Upham.

Canada Post needs to negotiate

Council also discussed Canada Post's decision to not attend the meeting at length with Upham calling the corporation's behaviour "unbelievable."

Canada Post installed a set of community mailboxes on the municipal right of way outside the Heinsburg Community Hall when the postmaster for the office retired at the end of May. According to county administration, no notice was given to the county before the boxes were installed, and no agreement was ever signed. When the county contacted Canada Post about an agreement, the corporation sent one which was "very one-sided" and not acceptable.

"They've put them on municipal

property with complete disregard for our ownership. The liability issue still falls with us, they never consulted the lessees as to where they should go. There is a place we could probably talk about and put them there, but for them to not even come to the table to discuss it, or to blatantly disregard our ownership of the land and admit it in the letter that they were putting it on municipal ground, plus already having a form there that they knew they needed not being sent out to us," said Younghans.

Younghans made a motion to send Canada Post a 30-day notice to either come to an agreement with the county or remove the mailboxes from outside the Heinsburg Community Hall. He also asked that a copy of the letter be provided to Lakeland MP Shannon Stubbs, citing her previous work for the community on the issue.

Both Shannon Stubbs and Canada Post did not respond to the St. Paul Journal's requests for comment before deadline.

IDPs passed

The intermunicipal development plans the County of St. Paul has been working on with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point, and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay all passed second and third reading at the council meeting Aug. 13.

Under provincial legislation all municipalities with shared borders must develop and adopt IDPs by April 1, 2020.

Intermunicipal development plans are a policy document designed to guide municipal decisions on future land use, as well as the development and coordination of intermunicipal programs related to the physical, social, and economic development of border areas.

No sewer for Riverview

The county is still doing their homework with regards to possible solutions to the water and sewer problems in Riverview. The community's infrastructure is in need of replacement, but the county and K&S Windsor Salt have been unable to come to an agreement on the issue.

According to Mahdiuk, the county last had a meeting with residents of Riverview in May

"We were supposed to bring back some information on the holding tanks, the sizes, setbacks, and the cost of the distribution system as well and whether it could be done through a local improvement tax or not," said Mahdiuk, noting the county is still collecting the information. "Our concern is that now we have the Whitney Lake lagoon closed and that was our option for these people to take their waste to."

The Whitney Lake lagoon has been temporarily closed since June 26 because of high chloride readings from monitoring wells. According to Mahdiuk, the salt plant has agreed to repair their holding tank, and the county is "working with Alberta Environment to see if the Ashmont lagoon is an option to transfer waste from Whitney Lake lagoon."

Cannabis facility

A cannabis production facility will be able to begin construction after the two bylaw amendments needed both passed second and third reading on Aug. 13.

Council discussed the facility extensively at a public hearing during the July 9 council meeting attended by seven people. The building will be about 5,500 square feet, located on NE-30-58-9-W4, beside Cardinal Lake north of the Town of St. Paul on Range Road 95, and employ three people.

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HIGHLIGHTS

August 13, 2019 Council Meeting

County of St. Paul Library Board Member – The County is looking for a resident to sit as a member-at-large on the County of St. Paul Library Board. The Board Member will serve on the board along with Elected Officials. The board provides financial management and policy direction for County Libraries and operates libraries housed in Ashmont and Mallaig Schools. Meetings are held monthly except during the months of July and August. The board member will be elected for a one-year term. Members at large will be paid a per diem as well as mileage to attend meetings. If you are interested in serving on the County Library Board, submit a letter to pcorbiere@county.stpaul.ab.ca outlining why you are interested and any experience you have pertaining to libraries.

Regional Recreation Master Plan – Council approved the Regional Recreation Master Plan with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The Regional Recreation Master Plan is a guiding strategic document that will be used to help decision-making and future collaborations between the partner municipalities in the provision of recreation opportunities. The Regional Recreation Master Plan is on the County's website under "Recreation & Campgrounds".

Bylaws – Recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* means that all Municipalities with common borders must complete and adopt Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP) by April 1, 2020. The municipalities worked with ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. to complete the plans. Council approved the Intermunicipal Development Plans with the Town of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. The IDP identifies a 50-year development strategy within the County of St. Paul No. 19 and the Town of St. Paul intermunicipal area. It also provides a set of policies for those lands that will use as a basis for decision-making on land use, transportation and servicing matters within the IDP area. The IDP also informs citizens and businesses on intermunicipal priorities. The plans can be viewed on the County website under "Governance".

FCSS – County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS received a Civil Forfeiture Grant. The grant provides funding for the FCSS Department to hire an Outreach Worker to work with youth in the Town of Elk Point and surrounding areas. FCSS will be hosting a Block Party and Summer Drive-in Movie at Ferguson Flats on August 22 showing the movie 'Cars 3'. Free hotdogs and games from 5 to 7:00 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk. The movie 'Mama Mia 2: Here We Go Again!' will be showing in Mallaig on August 23. The movie starts at dusk and there will be free popcorn.

Funding Support:

- \$100 – NEAT Club for Rodeo Mile
- \$100 – Fort George & Buckingham House
- \$1,000 – Mallaig Museum for Antique Tractor & Car Show
- \$6,720 – Riverland Recreational Trail Society

The Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.

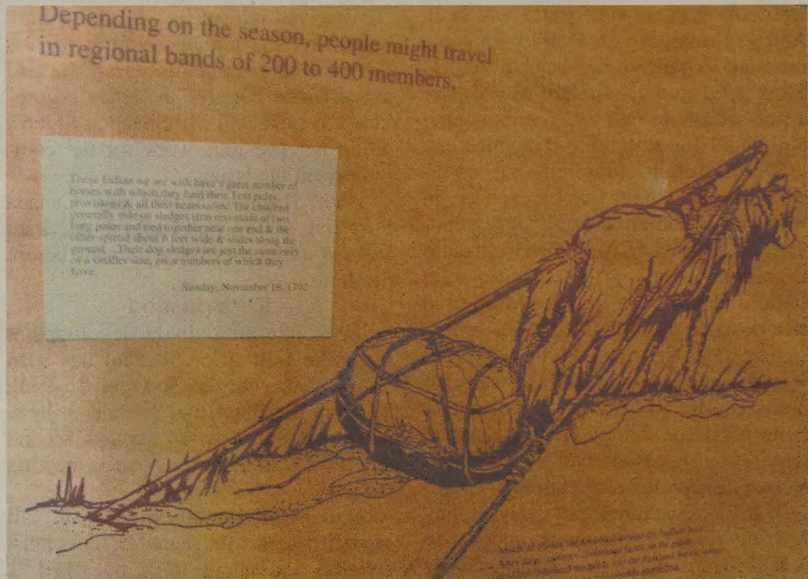
For more information contact
Tim Mahdiuk, Interim CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext. 208



BURGERS AND BIRTHDAY CANDLES added to the fun at Fort George and Buckingham House in celebration of Peter Fidler's 250th birthday, with more than 60 visitors touring the Interpretive Centre during Saturday's special event.



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Summer Readers study watershed health



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GETTING A CLOSEUP VIEW of the watershed, participants took turns dipping water from the river and pouring it in dishpans to check for aquatic life, but due to high water and fast flow, were disappointed not to see any organisms.



WATERSHED BUILDERS - Out of the rain in the Elk Point Riverside Campground's picnic shelter, the youngsters constructed their own watersheds, using everything from sponges to miniature trees to keep soil in place when water was added to the tiny landscapes they created, learning what works to protect land from erosion and surface water from pollution.

Vicki Brooker photos

